

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 9 and 15 are pending in the present application. Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 1 – 5.

Claims 6 – 9 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants have amended claim 6 to recite a computer readable storage medium encoded with instructions, as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of all pending rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this application should be allowed and the case passed to issue. If there are any questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite the prosecution of the application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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